

**Subject: FW: Notice of Motion - Report Council request for report re Amendment To GVRD Discharge Permit for NEWALTA**

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> Notice of Motion - Report Councillor Crist;

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> That staff be requested to provide a follow up report to Council on the outcome of the application of Newalta (Mohawk Oil) in the Maplewood Area regarding the GVRD Air Discharge permit to Mohawk Oil as requested by NEWALTA as well as on the outcome of the public meeting held on June 5 in line with relevant staff report dated May 8-2002, May 28-2002 and Feb 28- 2003 .

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> According to the staff report dated May 27-2003 and a motion by Councillor Crist referred to in a staff report dated May 27-2003 Newalta asked the GVRD of the GVRD Air discharge permit issued to Mohawk Oil which would allow Mohawk to continue to emit air borne discharges which may be detrimental to the health of the local population in the Maplewood area and beyond.

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> In response to a motion by Councillor Crist dealt with by Council at the regular Council meeting May 27, 2002, Council passed the following resolution.

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> 1) the environmental Protection Officer 's position on the issue be endorsed, as outlined in his May 8, 2002 memo to the GVRD; and

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> 2) staff provide an additional report on the issues raised this evening with respect to the impact on air quality by all licensees in the Maplewood Area.

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> The Newalta used oil refinery currently operates with an air discharge permit under the Air quality Management Bylaw. At the time of the amendment request, the GVRD invited comments from the District.

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> In a May, 2002 memo to Council, the environmental protection Officer suggested that Council request the GVRD not grant the permit amendment until NEWALTA prepares a long term green house gas and pollution management plan, as staff were concerned that the amendment was simply allowing Newalta to continue operation with little effort to improve emissions. The GVRD agreed with the District request and withheld the permit.

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> Since then it has been stated that Nowalta has completed operational improvements and has hosted a public meeting on June 5. However, Council has never received an update report as to the outcome of this meeting, any concerns expressed by the residents of Maplewood and to what extent the improvements have affected the air quality and how it measures up against accepted standards.

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> It behooves staff to provide Council with an update report since Air quality affects the health of residents to an increasing degree which is evident by the dramatic increase in asthma related diseases especially among children and Seniors and is an integral part of four environment. It behooves staff to provide an update report on this matter as part of a public agenda.

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